

REMARKS

5 This amendment is being filed in response to an Office Action mailed 04/28/2006, in which the Examiner said that claims 1-12, 15-17, and 19-22 were pending, that claims 9-12, and 19-22 were withdrawn from consideration, that claims 1 and 5 were rejected, and that claims 2-4 and 6-8 were objected to. In this amendment, claims 1, 5, 9-12, and 19-22 are canceled, and claim 6 is amended to overcome reasons given by the Examiner for rejections. Reasons for objections are traversed below.

Claims Withdrawn in Response to a Restriction Requirement

10 In this amendment, claims 9-12 and 19-22, which had been withdrawn in response to a restriction requirement as being directed to a non-elected invention, are canceled.

Claim Rejected under 35 USC §112

15 In the above-mentioned Office Action, the Examiner said that claim 6 was rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because "dposition" is not clear, with it appearing that several words from the original claim 1 are missing. In this amendment, "dposition" is changed to "disposed within the space between the side plates and an outward position." Support for this change is found in claim 1, line 15, of the application as originally filed.

20 The Examiner additionally said that it appeared that "and" should be changed to "and includes" in line 19 of claim 6. In this amendment, this change is made, with support for the change being found in claim 5, line 2, of the application as originally filed.

Claims Rejected under 35 USC §102

The Examiner said that claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC §102(a) or (e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,536,696 to Futak, and that claims 1 and 5 were rejected under 35 USC §102(a) or (e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,503,008 to Zeven et al. In this amendment, claims 1 and 5 are canceled.

Claims to which Objections were Made

In the above-mentioned Office Action, the Examiner said that claims 2-4 and 6-8 were objected to as being dependent upon an rejected base claim, but that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Regarding this statement, the Applicant respectfully notes that, in the previous amendment of March 29, 2006, claim 6 was rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening forms, but incurring the problems corrected herein as described above regarding the rejection of this claim under 35 USC §112. Since there are no other reasons given for rejections, it is understood that claim 6, as amended herein, is allowable.

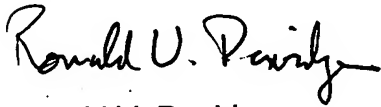
Additionally, the Applicant respectfully notes that, in the previous amendment of March 29, 2006, claims 2-4 were modified to depend upon claim 6 instead of upon claim 1. Since these claims 2-4 merely add their limitations to those of claim 6, which is believed to be patentable as described above, it is understood that claims 2-4 are allowable.

Furthermore, the Applicant respectfully notes that claims 7 and 8 are dependent upon claim 6. Since these claims 2-4 merely add their limitations to those of claim 6, which is believed to be patentable as described above, it is understood that claims 2-4 are allowable.

Conclusions

For reasons described in detail above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the application, including claims 2-4, 6-8, and 15-17, is in condition for allowance, and that action is earnestly requested, along with reconsideration and withdrawal of all reasons for objections and rejections.

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